

Leilani was adopted from China when she was less than one year old to a United States citizen father and a Micronesian mother. Through the 1980's when Leilani was a child, her father was a teacher, traveling throughout the Marshall Islands. Due to a translation error in China, an attempt to convey resident status upon Leilani was denied.

Leilani and her parents moved to the United States in 1992. Leilani was admitted as a CFA/FSM resident which allows her to remain in the United States legally but does not allow her to attend postsecondary school or to become a permanent resident or citizen. From 1992 through 1998, Leilani was eligible for citizenship by virtue of her living in the United States and being the adopted daughter of a United States citizen. Unfortunately, the naturalization process was never completed prior to her father's death in 1998. When her father passed away, Leilani's permanent resident mother began the naturalization process herself so that when completed, she could then convey permanent residence to her daughter. Unfortunately, Leilani's mother died in 1999, prior to her being naturalized.

Leilani is now alone in this country with no living relatives. She cannot return to China since she speaks no Chinese and she was released from that country when she was less than a year old, and she cannot return to the Pacific Islands since she was Chinese at birth. All of Leilani's friends and schoolmates are in the United States and it is only due to a string of unfortunate events that Leilani is not today a naturalized citizen. Leilani is a bright, industrious young lady, whose wish is to attend college. However, until this legislation is signed into law, her aspirations are on hold. I urge the swift passage of this bill, Mr. Speaker, to grant permanent residence to Leilani Tooley.

TRIBUTE TO HAMPTON POLICE
CHIEF PAT MINETTI

HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent in my district, Pat Minetti. I would like to read a letter I sent to Pat in early January before we came back in session and then expand upon it with these remarks.

Dear Pat, it is with great pleasure that I write this letter of congratulations to you on the occasion of your retirement after an extraordinary tenure of 45 years as a member of the Hampton Police Division. Your commitment to your job is exemplified in the number of years of your dedicated service and your immeasurable accomplishments. In your 27 years as Chief, you achieved your goals and the Hampton Police force and the City of Hampton are better for it. I know the City of Hampton is proud to count you among one of its finest and is greatly indebted to you. Please know that Laura and I wish you the best in retirement.

Pat Minetti was a truly outstanding law enforcement officer and Chief of Police. His service to his community and its citizens has been honorable and faithful for 45 years. The story of Pat's service reflects the devotion to duty, family and community that helps to keep this nation, America, safe for families and individual citizens.

The son of Italian immigrants, Pat was born and raised in New Castle, Pennsylvania. As a young man, Pat worked in the steel mills and as a lumberjack while attending school. From his parents, and through his experiences growing up, he learned the important values of integrity, hard work and devotion to God, family and service.

Pat moved to Hampton, Virginia in 1955 and joined the Hampton Police Division. He started as a patrolman, walking a beat and serving families and small business. He was quickly recognized for his enthusiasm for law enforcement and genuine concern for the safety and rights of all citizens. He diligently worked through each rank, and with his unwavering desire to serve his citizens, he always applied himself to the most challenging operational positions out in the community. In 1972, his potential for senior leadership combined with his gifts and skills in law enforcement led the Mayor and the City Manager to select him to become Hampton's Chief of Police, a position he held for the past 28 years.

Pat's remarkable career, spanning the terms of eight Mayors and six City Managers, reflects a truly exceptional dedication to serving others and the ability to lead and grow an organization through long-term vision, passion and law enforcement expertise. Among his many accomplishments, Pat holds an MPA Degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government where he was elected Class Marshall. He also is a graduate of the 92nd Session of the FBI National Academy where he was awarded the J. Edgar Hoover Certificate of Scholastic Excellence.

Pat served as the 1989 President of the FBI National Academy Associates and is a past President of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. At the national level, he served as a member of the National Law Enforcement Council during President Bush's Administration. At the state level, he served as a member of Governor Wilder's Commission on Violent Crime, where he chaired the Task Force Subcommittee on Crime Prevention. Under Governor Allen's Administration, he served as a member of the Joint Subcommittee examining laws regarding handicapped parking.

Pat was awarded the prestigious Presidential Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police in August 1998, only the third such award to be presented since the organization was established in 1926.

Pat's selfless service and dedication to Hampton, Virginia's citizens and law enforcement has earned him the respect and admiration of his beloved community and the many police officers and local, state and national officials who have been associated with him over the past 45 years. Pat continues to live in Hampton with his wife, Donnie, who has shared the thrills and hardships of being a police wife for more than 43 years. He has two daughters and four grandchildren, with whom he enjoys spending time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Pat and his family for their service to Hampton, its citizens and the Commonwealth of Virginia and I wish for them all God's blessings in the years to come.

IN MEMORY OF THEODORE
KARABINUS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Theodore Karabinus, a community leader, political activist, and a good friend.

A true patriot, Mr. Karabinus was a highly decorated veteran of the U.S. Marines who served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was also a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association. After retiring from the military, Mr. Karabinus embarked on a career with a local telephone company, where he worked for thirty years. He was dedicated to the advancement of working men and women and was a highly respected union leader in Cleveland, Ohio. He also served as President of the Communication Workers of America.

Mr. Karabinus's extensive humanitarian efforts demonstrate his commitment to improving the lives of others. He was actively involved for fifty years in organizations that supported civil rights. As a troop leader for the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Karabinus shared his experience and wisdom with young men in Cleveland. He also reached out to the senior citizens in the community and assisted those who needed help with completing their tax return forms.

Mr. Karabinus was a political activist in Northeast Ohio and has been involved in numerous political campaigns including local and presidential campaigns. He also worked with the Committee on Political Education, which strives to encourage the youth of America to be involved in our democratic process.

I treasured my friendship with Mr. Karabinus and am certain that his contributions to our community will never be forgotten. He was an outstanding American and will be missed greatly by those of us privileged to know him.

TRIBUTE TO FILLMORE, NEW
YORK

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my most sincere congratulations to the community of Fillmore, New York, as it enters its Sesquicentennial Year. This vibrant community, located in Allegany County, in the Town of Hume, enjoys a long and proud history in the State of New York. Celebrations surrounding the 150th Anniversary are planned for this coming May 27 to 29, 2000.

Fillmore is, of course, named after the thirteenth President of the United States, Millard Fillmore, who in 1850 was responsible for the establishment of a Post Office in the then existing settlement. Coincidentally, in addition to this being the community's sesquicentennial, the year 2000 also marks the 200th anniversary of President Fillmore's birth.

Born on what was then the "frontier", in the Finger Lakes region of New York, Millard Fillmore rose from serving on his family farm to serving in the U.S. House of Representatives,